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In re Application of :  
Kovacik, et al. :  
Application No. 10/008,975 : ON PETITION  
Filed: November 7, 2001 :  
Attorney Docket No.: 15709 US :  
For: QUADRUPLE LAMP UTILITY LIGHT :

**OFFICE OF PETITIONS**

This decision is in response to the petition under 37 CFR 1.10(c), filed February 12, 2002, requesting that the above-identified application be accorded a filing date of November 7, 2001 instead of November 8, 2001.

Petitioner alleges that the application was deposited in Express Mail service on November 7, 2001. Petitioner has provided evidence to this effect, including a copy of an "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" mailing label bearing tracking number EL684695080US (the same Express Mail number found on the transmittal letter accompanying the original application papers located in the official file) and a USPS website Track/Confirm report. The "date-in" on the "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" label appears to have been altered, however, a search of the USPTO Express Mail database confirms that the above-referenced Express Mail label number was accepted by the USPS on November 7, 2001.

In view of the above, the petition under 37 CFR 1.10(c) is **GRANTED**.

No fee is due in connection with this matter.

This application is being forwarded to the Official of Initial Patent Examination for correction of the filing date to November 7, 2001.

Telephone inquiries related to this decision may be directed to Petitions Attorney Alesia M. Brown at (703) 305-0310.

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